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March, 1987

The Honourable Dr. David J. Carter
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I have the privilege to transmit the Annual Report of the Students Finance Board for the period from April 1, 1985 to March 31, 1986.

Respectfully submitted,

D.J. RUSSELL
Deputy Premier and Minister
of Advanced Education

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REPORT OF THE STUDENTS FINANCE BOARD

We have the honour to submit the Annual Report for the year ending March 31, 1986.

The Students Finance Board, which is comprised of nine public members and two student representatives, is appointed by the Minister of Advanced Education. The Board is charged with the responsibility of administering Alberta's student aid programs, including the Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund, and acts in an advisory capacity to the Minister of Advanced Education on matters relating to student financial assistance.

During this reporting period, the number of students assisted by the Students Finance Board continued to increase. Under the Board's need-based programs in 1985/86, 50,282 students received assistance amounting to $197,169,049. In the previous reporting period, 45,116 students received assistance amounting to $173,804,571.

Under the programs of the Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund, 6,130 scholarship recipients received awards totaling $8,392,487.

Provision was made during the 1985/86 year for the issuing of student aid on an emergency basis through the Edmonton and Calgary offices of the Students Finance Board.

As in previous years, the Students Finance Board held meetings in 1985/86 with student representatives and student awards officers from across the province. These meetings provide the opportunity for the discussion of issues relating to the provision of student financial aid.

The Students Finance Board would like to thank those Albertans who have served on the various committees of the Board throughout the 1985/86 year.

Respectfully submitted,

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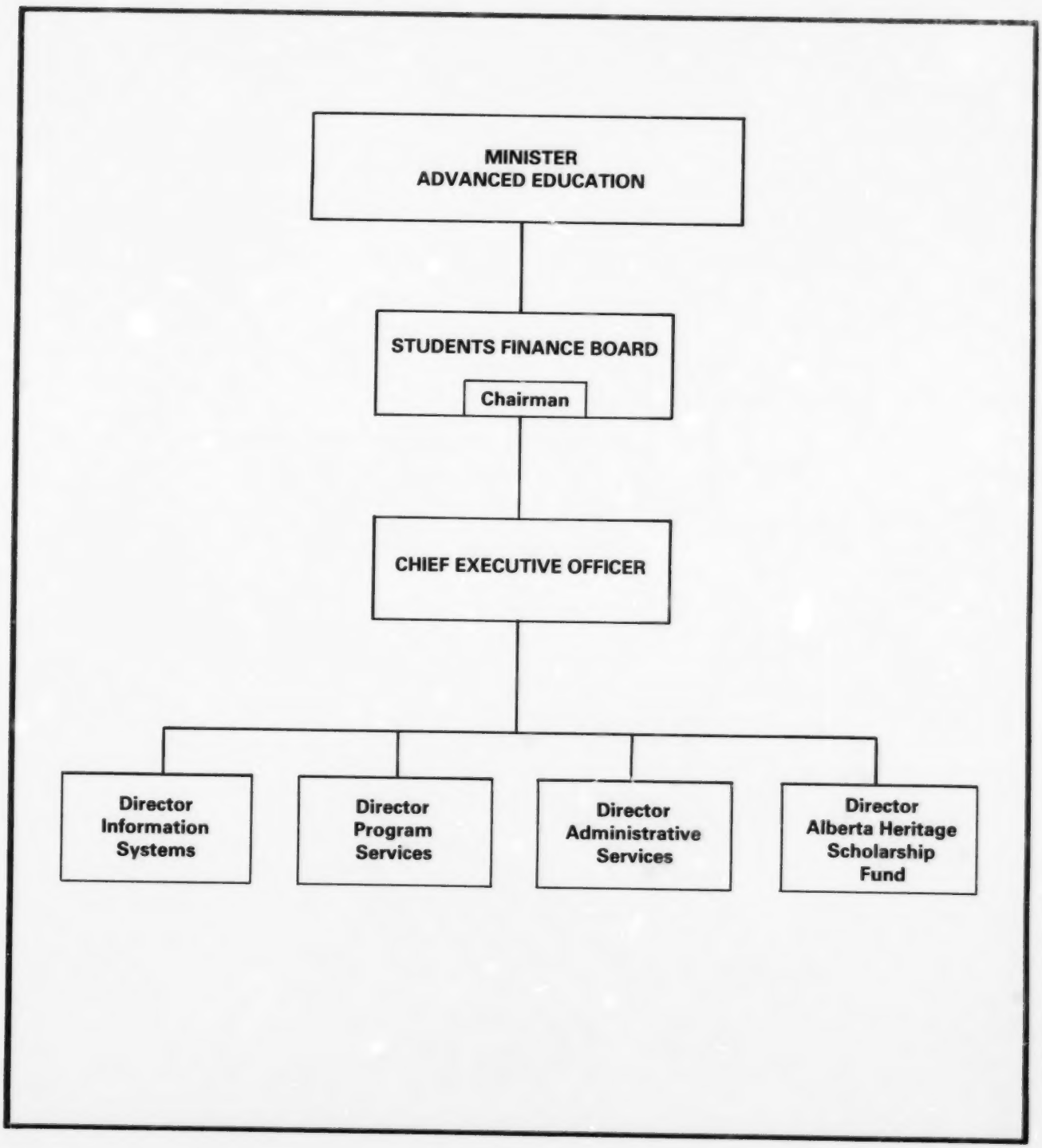
T. Haberman
D. Hancock
W. Hunchak
L. Land
S. Langlois
D. O'Leary
S. Sivam
L. Steinmann
R. Tchir
M. Tims, Chairman

STUDENTS FINANCE BOARD
Organization Chart
1 April 1986



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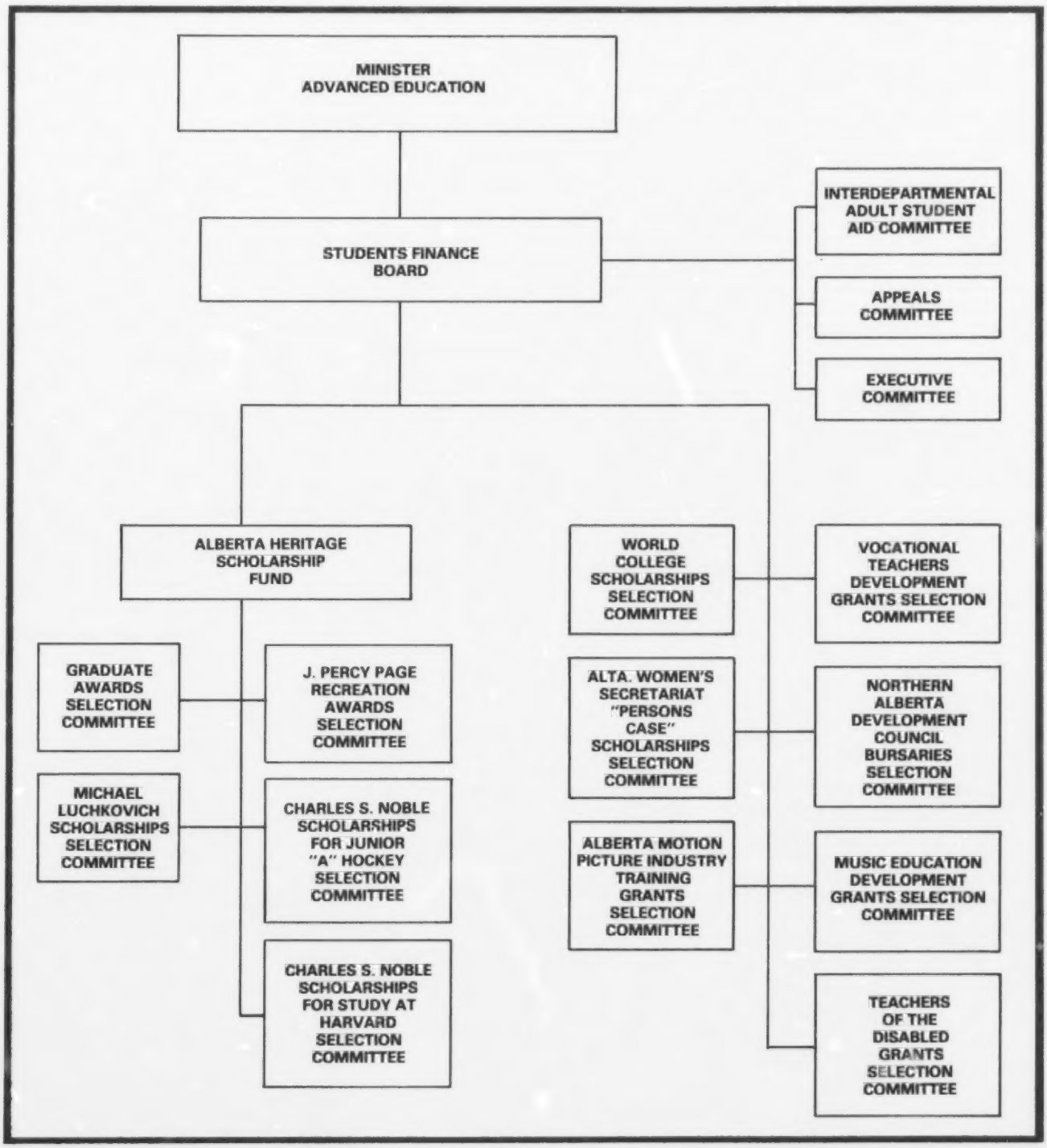
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INTERDEPARTMENTAL ADULT STUDENT AID COMMITTEE
APPEALS COMMITTEE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
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GRADUATE AWARDS SELECTION COMMITTEE
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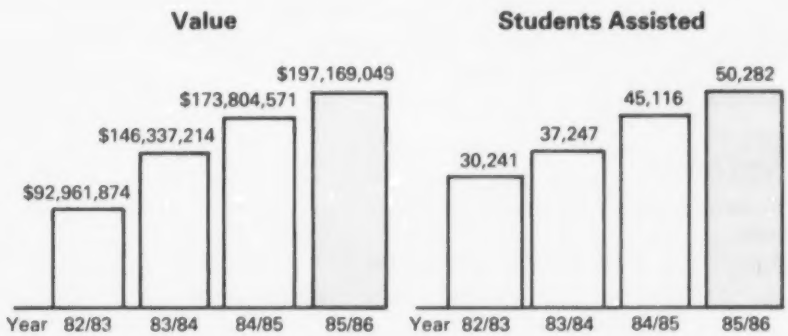
NEED-BASED ACTIVITIES - HIGHLIGHTS

1. Summary of Total Need-Based Assistance 1983-1986



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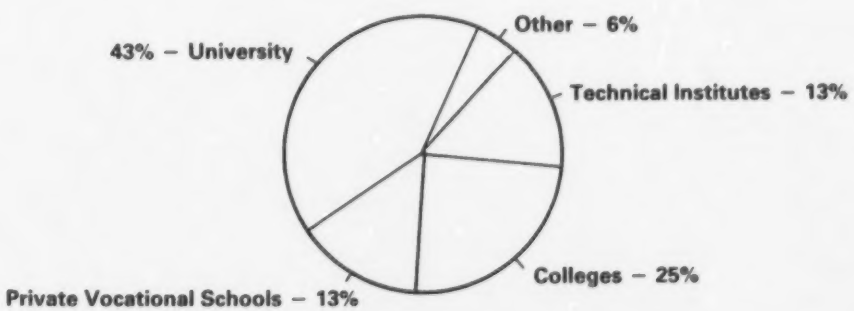

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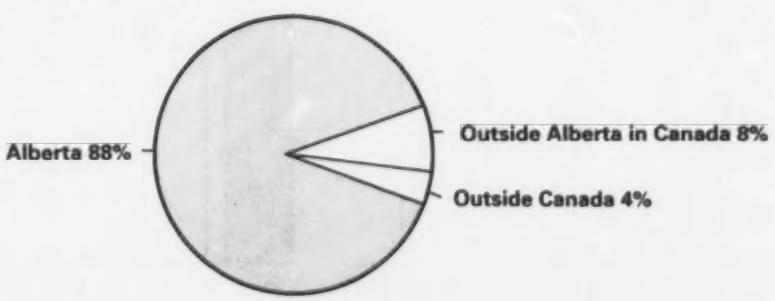


SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

	1985	1986
Grants and bursaries	$36,965,962	$42,619,513
Remission payments	23,617,405	24,659,937
Interest payments on guaranteed loans	7,861,723	8,209,273
Implementation of guarantees	4,538,770	4,465,164
Fellowships and scholarships	1,602,881	1,633,201
Administration expenses	3,939,052	4,524,298
Total	$78,525,793	$86,111,386

NEED-BASED AWARDS

Alberta Educational Opportunity Equalization Grant Assistance 1983-1986

Value: up to $2,000 per academic year

These grants may be provided to help offset the additional costs incurred by dependent students whose programs of study are not available within normal commuting distance of their parents' homes. To be eligible for these grants, students must demonstrate financial need.

There were 6,801 students assisted under this program in 1985-86, amounting to a total expenditure of $8,885,148.

Value

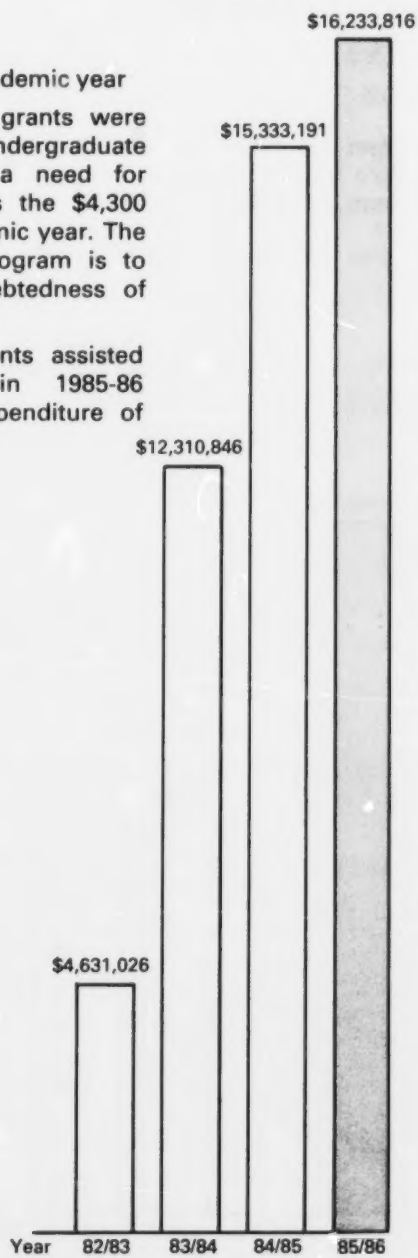
Students Assisted

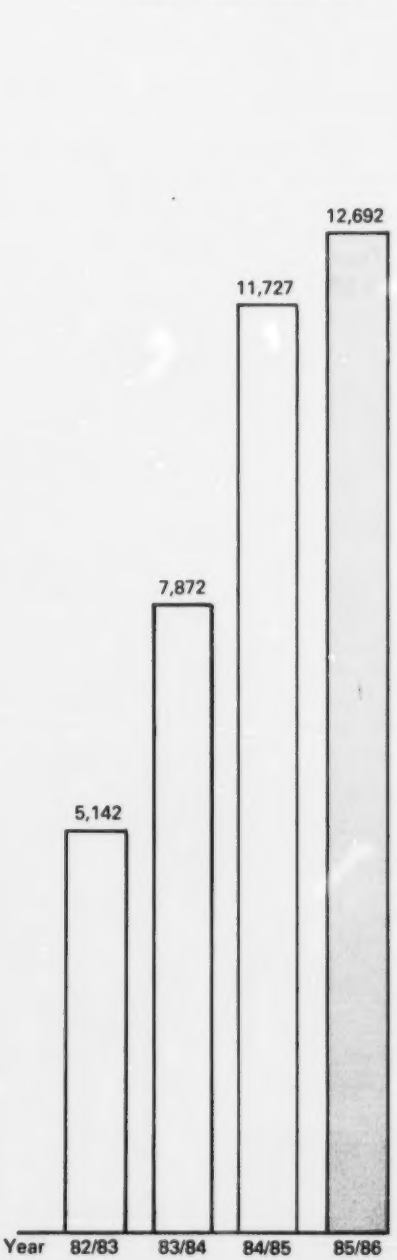
Supplemental Assistance Grant Assistance 1983-1986

Value: up to $2,500 per academic year

Supplemental assistance grants were established to aid those undergraduate students demonstrating a need for assistance which exceeds the $4,300 loan maximum per academic year. The purpose of this grant program is to control the level of indebtedness of students upon graduation.

There were 12,692 students assisted under this program in 1985-86 amounting to a total expenditure of $16,233,816.



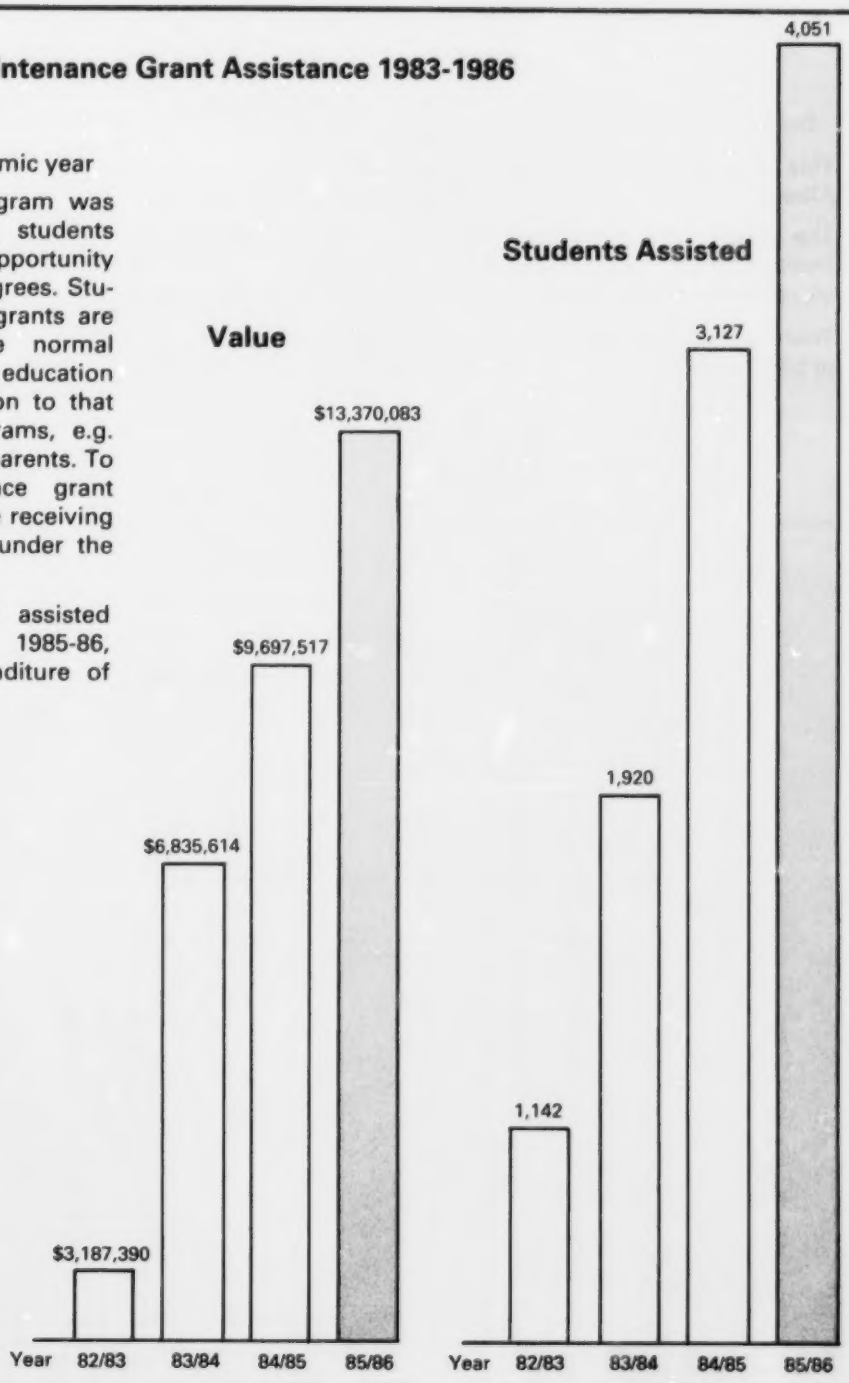


Maintenance Grant Assistance 1983-1986

Value: up to $6,000 per academic year

The maintenance grant program was established to ensure that students with special needs have the opportunity to acquire undergraduate degrees. Students considered for these grants are those who do not have normal prospects of completing their education without assistance in addition to that provided under other programs, e.g. disabled persons and single parents. To be eligible for maintenance grant assistance, a student must be receiving a minimum loan of $1,000 under the Guaranteed Loans program.

There were 4,051 students assisted under this program in 1985-86, amounting to a total expenditure of $13,370,083.

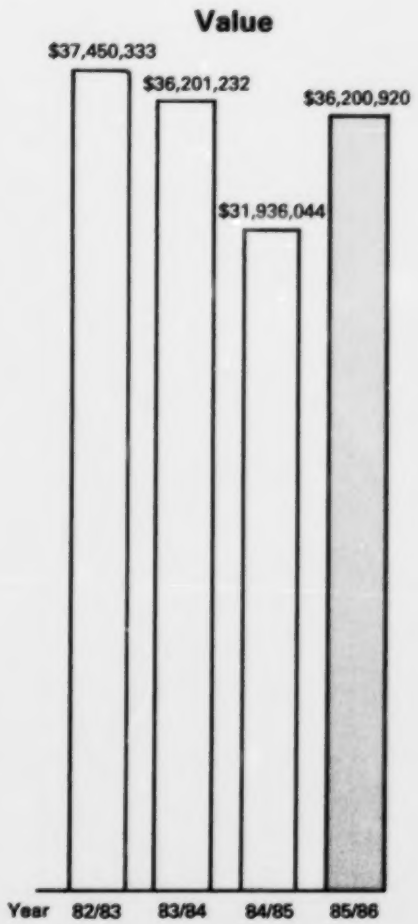


Provincial Guaranteed Student Loan Assistance 1983-1986

This program was implemented by the Province in 1969 to supplement the assistance available to Alberta students under the Canada Student Loans Program.

The interest on these loans is paid by the Province while the individual is attending a post-secondary institution, and for six months after he or she ceases to be a full-time student. At that time, the individual assumes responsibility for principal and interest payments.

There were 27,082 students assisted under this program in 1985-86, amounting to a total expenditure of $36,200,920.

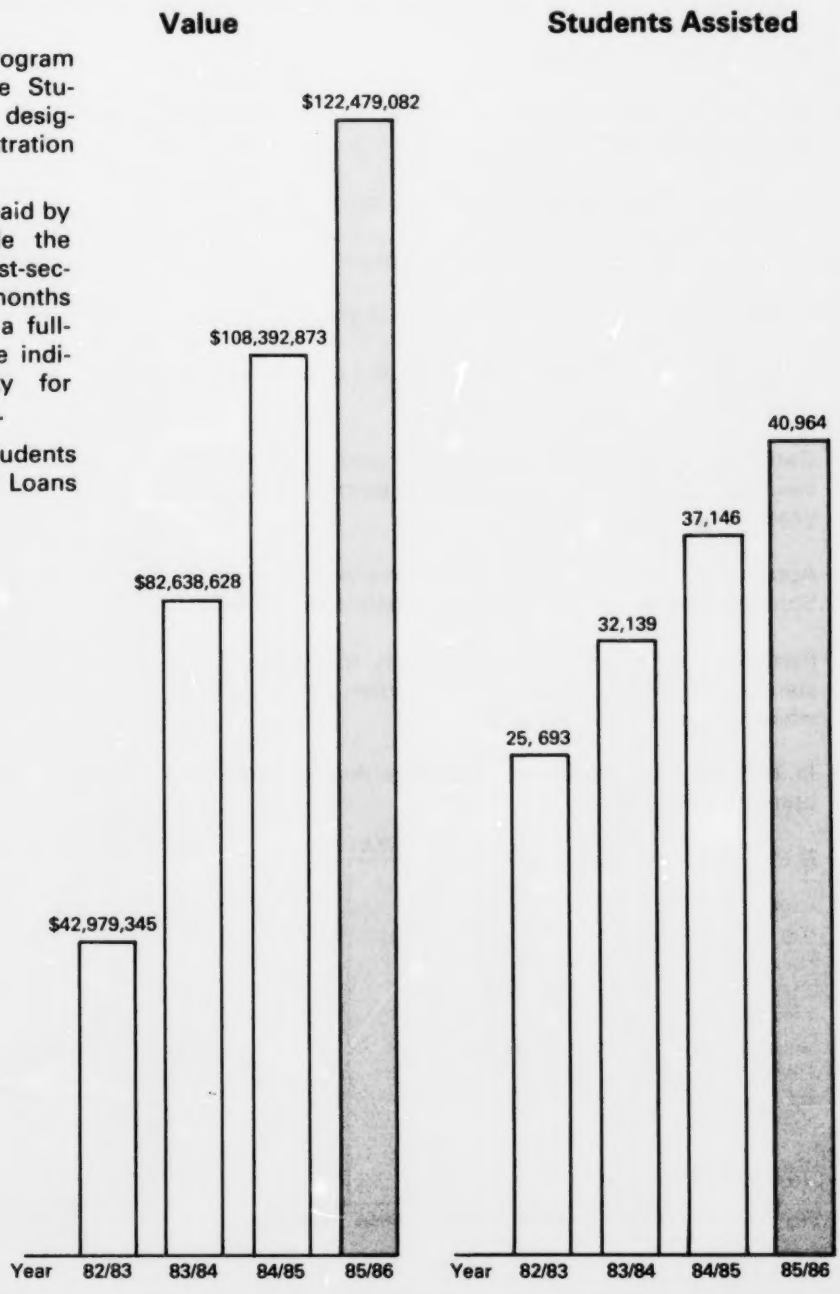


Canada Student Loan Assistance 1983-1986

The Canada Student Loans Program was established in 1964. The Students Finance Board is the designated authority for the administration of these loans in Alberta.

The interest on these loans is paid by the federal government while the individual is attending a post-secondary institution, and for six months after he or she ceases to be a full-time student. At that time, the individual assumes responsibility for principal and interest payments.

In 1985-86, a total of 40,964 students were issued Canada Student Loans amounting to $122,479,082.



REMISSION PROGRAM

The remission program was implemented by the Province in 1971. Remission is that portion of a student's loan which may be repaid by the Province of Alberta on the student's behalf when he or she has ceased to be a full-time student.

Students qualify for remission if the following conditions have been met to the satisfaction of the Students Finance Board:

- savings were adequate in relation to earnings;

- a reasonable contribution has been made by parents, spouse or sponsor;

- full-time enrollment was maintained during the period for which assistance was provided;

- the initial arrangements for repayment of student loans have been made, i.e. loans have been consolidated.

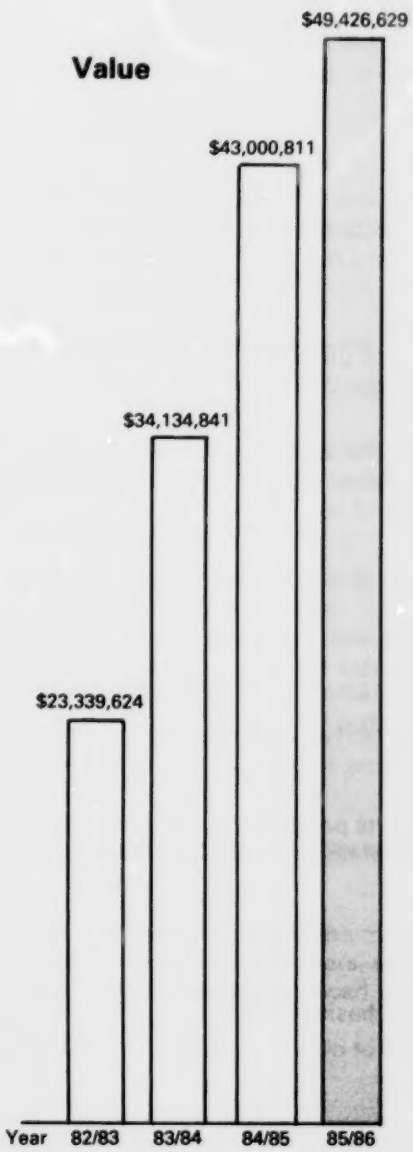
Generally, the province repays 50 per cent of all funds borrowed during the first year of study, 40 per cent of all funds borrowed during the second year and 25 per cent of all funds borrowed in subsequent years of study.

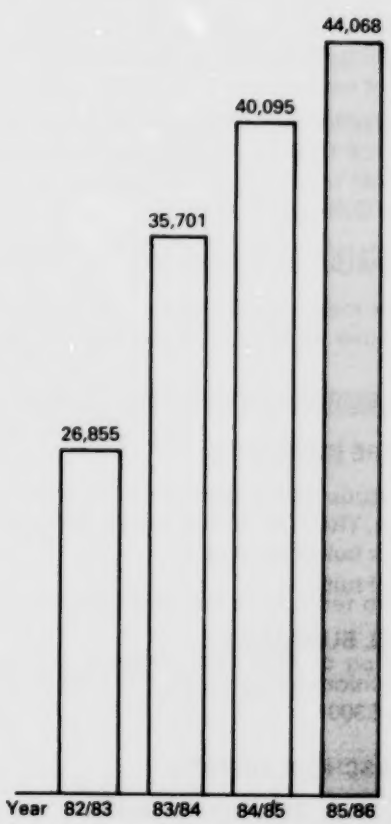
Applications for loan remission are available at credit institutions in Alberta and are submitted to the Students Finance Board after consolidation of the student loans.

Remission payments are sent directly to the lending institution and applied to the student's outstanding loan obligations. In this manner, during 1985-86, 14,312 students received remission benefits which amounted to $24,659,937.

In 1985-86, 44,068 students were awarded remission amounting to $49,426,629 which will be issued upon graduation.

Summary of Remission Awarded 1983-86





SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS, BURSARIES, GRANTS, AND PRIZES

PROVINCE OF ALBERTA SCHOLARSHIPS

Awarded to undergraduate students who have achieved an average of not less than 80 per cent.
Value: $150

PROVINCE OF ALBERTA PRIZES

Awarded to students registered in diploma or certificate programs at public colleges or institutes of technology.
Value: $150

GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Awarded to Canadian citizens or permanent residents who are registered as full-time students in graduate studies at the University of Alberta or the University of Calgary.
Value: Scholarships: $8,100 Fellowships: $9,300

UNITED WORLD COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Awarded to selected Alberta students who have completed grade 11. These scholarships provide two years of study at United World Colleges located in Canada, Wales, the U.S.A., Singapore, Swaziland and Italy. Eight new scholarships are awarded each year.

Two of these scholarships were established in 1983 to commemorate the visit to Alberta of His Royal Highness Prince Charles, who is President of the International Council of the United World Colleges.
Value: The cost of tuition, room and board, and one round trip between the student's home and the United World College per year.

POPE JOHN PAUL II COMMEMORATIVE SCHOLARSHIPS

Awarded to a maximum of two undergraduate students and four graduate students to facilitate the pursuit of native studies, international studies with respect to third world countries or ecumenical studies.
Value: Undergraduate level: $5,000 Graduate level: $10,000

BANFF CENTRE BURSARIES

Awarded to students enrolled in visual and performing arts programs at the Banff Centre for Continuing Education. These bursaries are awarded on the basis of financial need and past achievement in the subject matter being studied.
Value: Cost of tuition

HIGH SCHOOL BURSARIES

Awarded to junior and senior high school students on the basis of need.
Value: Up to $300

ADULT HIGH SCHOOL GRANTS

Awarded to adult high school students according to need and in conjunction with student loan assistance.
Value: Up to $600

EDUCATION OF SERVICEMEN'S CHILDREN BURSARIES

Awarded to the children of disabled war veterans in order to assist them in meeting their educational costs in grades 9 to 12 inclusive.
Value: Up to $300

PART-TIME BURSARIES

Awarded to students on the basis of need in order to cover the cost of tuition, books and materials, transportation, and child care costs.
Value: $300 per academic term

GRANTS FOR DISABLED PERSONS

Grants are provided to students who are physically or mentally disabled and who, in the opinion of the Board, require extraordinary assistance not available through other programs.
Value: Up to $1,000 per semester

GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA SCHOLARSHIPS

Awarded to students upon the recommendation of the Minister of Advanced Education or his delegate.

Value: Maximum of $8,000 per year plus tuition, books and transportation costs. A $1,000 research allowance may be issued once during the course of the student's program.

HIGH SCHOOL MAINTENANCE GRANTS

Awarded primarily to high school students who become ineligible for social assistance benefits because they have reached 18 years of age.
Value: Up to $5,000

QUEEN ELIZABETH SCHOLARSHIPS IN CANADIAN STUDIES

Awarded to students in the final year of an undergraduate degree program which focuses primarily or uniquely on aspects of Canadian culture or problems significant to Canada.
Value: $1,000

ALBERTA MOTION PICTURE INDUSTRY TRAINING GRANTS

Awarded to

a) individuals already established within the motion picture industry who wish to further develop their skills by attending short courses or seminars, and
b) individuals who have achieved advanced status within the industry who wish to pursue further formal training.
Value: a) Up to $5,000 b) Up to $13,000

RETURN-SERVICE PROGRAMS

VOCATIONAL TEACHER DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

A return-service program provided to students in the vocational teacher certification program who intend to be employed by a school board in Alberta upon graduation.
Value: Up to $22,000

NORTHERN ALBERTA DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL BURSARIES

A return-service program provided, primarily, to students raised in northern Alberta who will be employed in northern Alberta on completion of their studies.
Value: Up to $3,500 per academic year, if single
Up to $6,000 per academic year, if married

In circumstances where either the field of study or the remote location makes recruitment difficult, special incentive bursaries may be provided under this program.
Value: Up to $7,000 per academic year, if single
Up to $12,000 per academic year, if married

TEACHERS OF THE DISABLED GRANTS

A return-service program provided to students enrolled in full-time graduate programs in areas related to the teaching of disabled persons.
Value: Up to $10,000

SUMMARY OF TOTAL AWARDS

	1983/84	1984/85	1985/86
Alberta Educational Opportunity Equalization Grants	$8,350,894	$8,444,946	$8,885,148
Supplemental Assistance Grants	12,310,846	15,333,191	16,233,816
Maintenance Grants	6,835,614	9,697,517	13,370,083
Guaranteed Provincial Loans	36,201,232	31,936,044	36,200,920
Canada Student Loans	82,638,628	108,392,873	122,479,082
Remission Awards	34,134,841	43,000,811	49,426,629
Province of Alberta Scholarships	176,700	169,650	165,000
Province of Alberta Prizes	136,650	189,000	146,850
Graduate Scholarships and Fellowships	833,495	969,933	1,020,420
United World College Scholarships	145,283	179,584	175,795
Pope John Paul II Comm. Scholarships	---	---	25,000
Banff Centre Bursaries	20,340	21,225	21,800
High School Bursaries	105,391	146,066	167,458
Adult High School Grants	13,725	---	---
Education of Servicemen's Children Bursaries	5,644	3,380	2,325
Part-Time Bursaries	263,873	420,843	780,504
Grants for Disabled Persons	23,355	36,880	33,440
Government of Alberta Scholarships	52,983	75,715	82,136
High School Maintenance Grants	1,582,342	1,947,724	2,223,370
Queen Elizabeth Scholarships in Canadian Studies	16,000	19,000	18,000
Alberta Motion Picture Industry Training Grants	22,227	18,622	10,469
Sundry Awards	63,568	85,521	76,670
Vocational Teacher Development Grants	308,000	182,850	185,900
Northern Development Council Bursaries	596,454	563,150	590,530
Teachers of the Disabled Grants	78,954	64,046	38,000
TOTAL	$184,917,039	$221,898,571	$252,359,345

APPENDIX 1
GUARANTEED PROVINCIAL LOANS

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY	1983/84	1984/85	1985/86
O/S Loans – Students in School	$62,447,678	$65,933,042	$68,622,914
– Graduates	22,804,960	25,419,525	29,705,812
	$85,252,638	$91,352,567	$98,328,726
Loans Issued	$36,201,232	$31,936,044	$36,200,920
No. of Certificates Negotiated Through Credit Institutions	34,122	28,536	31,598
Interest Paid to Banks	$8,131,585	$7,861,723	$8,209,273
Bank Claims Paid	$4,015,999	$4,538,770	$4,465,164

APPENDIX 2
APPEALS ACTIVITY

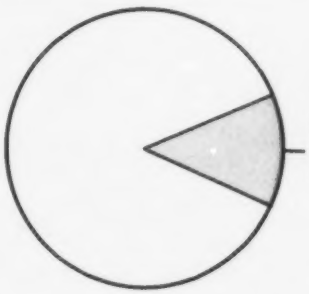
A student may initiate an appeal by writing a letter of explanation to the Students Finance Board. Subsequently, a counsellor will review the situation and may adjust the award within prescribed limits.

Appeals not resolved by this process are submitted, upon the student's request, to the Appeal Committees which meet in Edmonton and Calgary. Appointed by the Minister of Advanced Education, these Committees are comprised of members of the public and student representatives. Students are encouraged to attend these meetings.

1985-1986 Appeals Activity

Total Number Of Applications 50,282

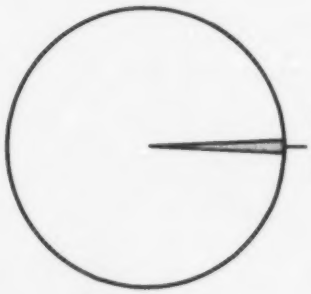
Total Number of Appeals 9,750



Total Number of Appeals 9,750

Number of Appeals Resolved by Counsellors 9,437

Number of Appeals Referred to the Appeals Committees 121



APPENDIX 3

STUDENTS FINANCE BOARD

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

MARCH 31, 1986

Auditor's Report

Balance Sheet

Notes to the Financial Statement

ALBERTA LEGISLATURE

OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL

AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the
Students Finance Board

I have examined the balance sheet of the Students Finance Board as at March 31, 1986. My examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests and other procedures as I considered necessary in the circumstances.

In my opinion, this financial statement presents fairly the financial position of the Board as at March 31, 1986 in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Donald D. Salmon

C.A.
Auditor General

Edmonton, Alberta
September 22, 1986

STUDENTS FINANCE BOARD

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT MARCH 31, 1986

	1986	1985
ASSETS		
Cash (Note 2)	$400	$300
LIABILITIES		
Due to the General Revenue Fund	$400	$300

The accompanying notes are part of this financial statement.

STUDENTS FINANCE BOARD

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

MARCH 31, 1986

Note 1 Authority

The Board operates under the authority of the Students Finance Act, Chapter S-24, Revised Statutes of Alberta 1980, and carries out the following activities on behalf of the Province of Alberta:

(i) Issue of certificates of eligibility for loans to be guaranteed pursuant to the Students Loan Guarantee Act and the Canada Student Loans Act. Fees are earned for administering Canada Student Loans Act certificates and are credited to the General Revenue Fund as revenue of the Department of Advanced Education.

(ii) Authorization of the following types of expenditures, paid by the Department of Advanced Education from funds appropriated by the Legislature:

(a) Grants, bursaries, fellowships and scholarships.
(b) Partial loan repayments on behalf of students.
(c) Interest on student loans guaranteed pursuant to the Students Loan Guarantee Act.
(d) Implementation of guarantees pursuant to the Students Loan Guarantee Act.
(e) Administration expenses in connection with all of the activities of the Board other than the costs of accommodation and basic office equipment forming part of the general administration costs of the Department of Advanced Education.

(iii) Authorization of scholarships paid from the Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund.

Note 2 Cash

Cash consists of accountable advances from the General Revenue Fund.

Note 3 Approval of Financial Statement

This financial statement was approved by management.